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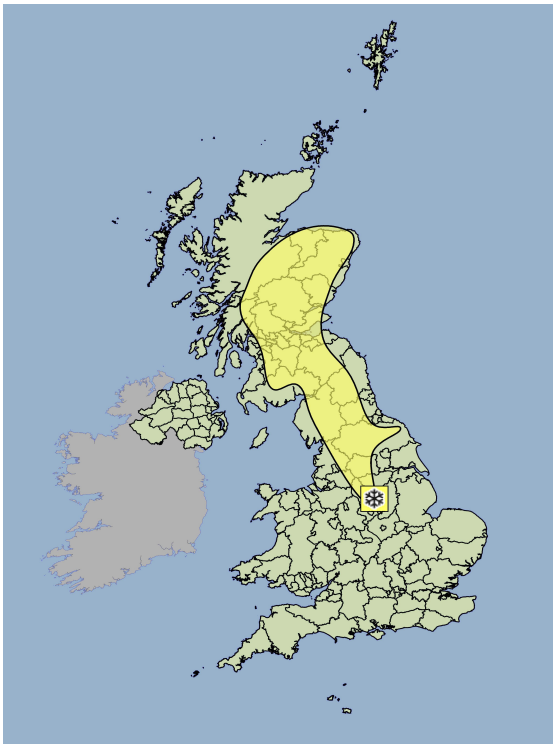

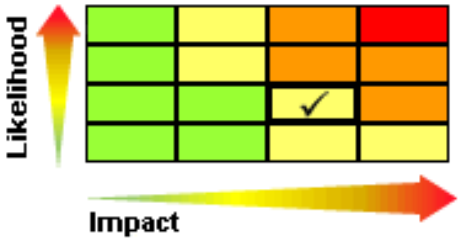

Chief Forecasters Assessment
Following a slightly quieter interlude midweek, an active frontal system will push northwards during Thursday, increasingly coming into contact with the block of unusually cold air in place across northern Britain, the North Sea and Scandinavia. Snow may start towards the end of Thursday across the higher parts of northern England but the main problems look like being into Friday and Saturday, as a combination of strong winds and persistent snow leads to some particularly wintry weather - especially for so late in the season. There are some uncertainties at this stage in exactly where the worst of the snow will be, and to what extent slightly less cold air will creep into the south of the area covered by the Alert, so watch for updates.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Snow**

Valid from **00:05 on Fri, 22nd Mar 2013** until **18:00 on Sat, 23rd Mar 2013**

An area of rain and sleet moving up from the south, will turn increasingly to snow as it does so. Some heavy and persistent snowfall is likely to develop across the higher parts of northern England and much of southern and eastern Scotland away from immediate coastal areas, with in excess of 10 cm of snow in many inland parts, and perhaps much more than this over hills. Taking into account the likelihood of strong to gale force winds, some atrocious conditions with drifting and blizzards are expected for some upland areas in particular, and it is possible that this warning will eventually be upgraded to Amber.

The public should be aware of the likelihood of another spell of difficult and disruptive wintry weather.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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